

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

18. (Currently Amended) A method for a donor to make a monetary charitable contribution to a charitable organization, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving at a first Internet website an indication of interest from a donor to make a monetary contribution to a charitable organization, the first Internet website being an Internet website of the charitable organization;

(b) hyperlinking the donor to a second Internet website to allow the donor to make the monetary contribution, the second Internet website not being an Internet website of the charitable organization;

(c) the second Internet website providing information regarding projects of the charitable organization to the donor;

(d) the second Internet website receiving a selection of a project from the donor;

(e) the second Internet website providing a plurality of contribution options to the donor for the selected project, the contribution options comprising at least a gift and at least one of the following other contribution options: a sponsorship level, a membership, or a purchase of a tangible item;

(f) the second Internet website providing information to the donor regarding a minimum monetary donation amount and a tax deductible amount in conjunction with at least one of the other contribution options;

(g) the second Internet website receiving a selection of a contribution option from the donor;

(h) the second Internet website receiving an indication of a monetary donation amount from the donor for the selection;

(i) the second Internet website receiving payment information from the donor for the monetary donation amount;

(j) the second Internet website receiving delivery information from the donor for the selection;

(k) the second Internet website providing confirmation information to the donor for the selection; and

(l) the second Internet website collecting transactional data concerning the donor, the monetary donation amount, and the selection.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein ~~the step (e) of providing for the purchase of a tangible item as a contribution option~~ comprises providing for the purchase of at least one of a report, a postcard, or a book.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein ~~the step (e) of providing for the purchase of a tangible item as a contribution option~~ comprises displaying a plurality of tangible items, the tangible items being at least a report, a postcard, or a book.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein ~~the step (e) of providing a plurality of contribution options~~ comprises providing textual information regarding at least one contribution option.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 and further comprising the step of the second Internet website providing the transactional data to the charitable organization.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18 wherein ~~the step (g) of receiving a selection of a contribution option from the donor~~ comprises receiving a plurality of selections of contribution options and, for each selection of a contribution, further comprising the steps of receiving an indication of a monetary donation amount from the donor for each selection; receiving payment information from the donor for the monetary donation amount for each selection; receiving delivery information from the donor for each selection; and providing confirmation information to the donor for each selection.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for a plurality of donors to make a monetary charitable contribution to a plurality of charitable organizations, comprising the steps of:

(1) for a first donor:

(a) receiving at a first Internet website an indication of interest from a first donor to make a monetary contribution to a first charitable organization, the first Internet website being an Internet website of the first charitable organization;

(b) hyperlinking the first donor to a third Internet website to allow the first donor to make the monetary contribution to the first charitable organization, the third Internet website being neither an Internet website of the first charitable organization nor an Internet website of a second charitable organization;

(c) the third Internet website providing information regarding projects of the first charitable organization to the first donor;

(d) the third Internet website receiving a selection of a project from the first donor;

(e) the third Internet website providing a plurality of contribution options to the first donor for the selected project for the first charitable organization, the contribution options comprising at least a gift and at least one of the following other contribution options: a sponsorship level, a membership, or a purchase of a tangible item;

(f) the third Internet website providing information to the donor regarding a minimum monetary donation amount and a tax deductible amount in conjunction with at least one of the other contribution options;

(g) the third Internet website receiving a selection of a contribution option from the first donor;

(h) the third Internet website receiving an indication of a monetary donation amount from the first donor for the selection;

(i) the third Internet website receiving payment information from the first donor for the monetary donation amount;

(j) the third Internet website receiving delivery information from the first donor for the selection;

(k) the third Internet website providing confirmation information to the first donor for the selection; and

(l) the third Internet website collecting transactional data concerning the first donor, the donation amount, and the selection; and

(2) for a second donor:

(a) receiving at a second Internet website an indication of interest from a second donor to make a monetary contribution to a second charitable organization, the second Internet website being an Internet website of the second charitable organization;

(b) hyperlinking the second donor to the third Internet website to allow the second donor to make the monetary contribution to the second charitable organization;

(c) the third Internet website providing information regarding projects of the second charitable organization to the second donor;

(d) the third Internet website receiving a selection of a project from the second donor;

(e) the third Internet website providing a plurality of contribution options to the second donor for the selected project for the second charitable organization, the contribution options comprising at least a gift and at least one of the following other contribution options: a sponsorship level, a membership, or a purchase of a tangible item;

(f) the third Internet website providing information to the donor regarding a minimum monetary donation amount and a tax deductible amount in conjunction with at least one of the other contribution options;

(g) the third Internet website receiving a selection of a contribution option from the second donor;

(h) the third Internet website receiving an indication of a monetary donation amount from the second donor for the selection;

(i) the third Internet website receiving payment information from the second donor for the monetary donation amount;

(j) the third Internet website receiving delivery information from the second donor for the selection;

(k) the third Internet website providing confirmation information to the second donor for the selection; and

(l) the third Internet website collecting transactional data concerning the second donor, the donation amount, and the selection.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24 and further comprising the steps of the third Internet website providing the transactional data for the first donor to the first charitable organization and providing the transactional data for the second donor to the second charitable organization.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for first and second charitable organizations having respective first and second Internet websites to use a central Internet website in conjunction with receiving monetary charitable contributions from donors, the central Internet website not being an Internet website of either the first or the second charitable organization; comprising the steps of:

(1) for the first charitable organization having the first Internet website:

(a) linking to the central Internet website;

(b) providing to the central Internet website a plurality of projects of the first charitable organization;

(c) providing to the central Internet website a plurality of contribution options for each of the projects of the first charitable organization, the contribution options comprising at least a gift and at least one of the following other contribution options: a sponsorship level, a membership, or a purchase of a tangible item;

(d) providing to the central Internet website at least one of a description or a picture of each of the contribution options;

(e) providing to the central Internet website a minimum monetary donation amount and a tax deductible amount in conjunction with at least one of the other contribution options;

(f) providing to the central Internet website an address for receiving transactional data concerning contributions to the first charitable organization; and

(g) providing at the first Internet website a link from the first Internet website to the central Internet website to allow a donor to make a monetary contribution to the first charitable organization; and

(2) for the second charitable organization having the second Internet website:

(a) linking to the central Internet website;

(b) providing to the central Internet website a plurality of projects of the second charitable organization;

(c) providing to the central Internet website a plurality of contribution options for each of the projects of the second charitable organization, the contribution options comprising at least a gift and at least one of the following other contribution options: a sponsorship level, a membership, or a purchase of a tangible item;

(d) providing to the central Internet website at least one of a description or a picture of each of the contribution options;

(e) providing to the central Internet website a minimum monetary donation amount and a tax deductible amount in conjunction with at least one of the other contribution options;

(f) providing to the central Internet website an address for receiving transactional data concerning contributions to the second charitable organization; and

(g) providing at the second Internet website a link from the second Internet website to the central Internet website to allow a donor to make a monetary contribution to the second charitable organization.